

Please replace Table 5 on page 40 to read as follows:

sample formulation	area point of sample collection	rate of concentration in water(%)			rate of concentration in soil (%)		
		thiobencarb	bensulfouron-methyl	mefenacet	thiobencarb	bensulfouron-methyl	mefenacet
Example 9	A	45	59	33	39	28	61
	B	51	66	38	41	27	66
	C	59	68	36	30	30	70
	D	53	61	41	29	33	71
	E	63	69	43	34	20	66
	F	65	80	53	39	25	67
	G	55	73	38	44	19	73
	H	62	78	49	43	25	59
	I	69	83	55	48	26	63
	average deviation	58.0 12.4	70.8 11.1	42.9 17.1	38.6 15.7	25.9 16.1	66.2 6.6
Comparison 6	A	23	66	11	80	30	80
	B	26	63	15	75	18	88
	C	30	55	19	80	19	79
	D	19	69	13	83	25	78
	E	25	70	13	96	40	90
	F	22	53	16	79	27	71
	G	34	50	14	58	21	69
	H	28	59	19	89	38	92
	I	30	61	14	59	18	79
	average deviation	26.3 16.7	60.7 11.0	14.9 17.2	77.7 15.2	26.2 30.1	80.7 9.3

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

- (Amended) A solid composition, comprising:  
 fragments of a fiber crop having high oil absorbency and one or more agricultural chemicals,  
 wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is a liquid at room temperature or a solution or dispersion in a liquid solvent.
- (Amended) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the oil absorption capacity of said fragments is 100 or more.

3. (Amended) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the fragments are obtained by chopping, crushing or pulverizing the fiber crop.

4. (Amended) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the fragments are derived from crushed trunk fragment of kenaf of the genus Confederate rose in the Hollyhock family.

5. (Amended) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the agricultural chemicals or the dispersed or dissolved agricultural chemicals are oil in nature.

6. (Amended) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the solid composition comprises 1 to 95 parts by weight of fragments of fiber crop and 0.1 to 70 parts by weight of the agricultural chemicals.

7. (Amended) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the solid composition is wrapped with a water-soluble film or a water-dispersible film.

8. (Amended) The solid composition according to claim 7, wherein the water-soluble film comprises a polyvinyl alcohol.

9. (Amended) A method of preparing the solid agricultural composition of claim 1, comprising:

impregnating fragments of a fiber crop having high oil absorbency with one or more agricultural chemicals, wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is a liquid at room temperature or a solution or dispersion in a liquid solvent; and then

making the impregnated fragments into a shape of powder, granule or tablet.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

wrapping the solid agricultural composition with a water-soluble film.

11. (Amended) A method, comprising:

applying the solid composition according to claim 1 into a submerged paddy field, a farm, a facility, or a non-cultivated area.

12. (Amended) An oil carrier, comprising:

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Cont. a plurality of fragments of a fiber crop having an oil absorption capacity of 100 or more and a particle size of no greater than 2 mm.

13. (Amended) The oil carrier according to claim 12, wherein the fragments are crushed trunk fragments of kenaf of the genus Confederate rose in the Hollyhock family.

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Please add the following new claims:

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14. (New) The method of Claim 11, wherein the solid composition is wrapped with a water-soluble film or a water-dispersible film.

15. (New) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is liquid at room temperature.

A13 16. (New) The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is a solution or dispersion in a liquid solvent.

17. (New) The solid composition according to claim 4, wherein the genus Confederate rose in the Hollyhock family is *Hibiscus cannabinus* Linn. or *Hibiscus Sabdariffa* Linn.

18. (New) The solid composition according to claim 2, wherein the fragments are obtained by chopping, crushing or pulverizing the fiber crop.

19. (New) The solid composition according to claim 2, wherein the fragments are derived from crushed trunk fragment of kenaf of the genus Confederate rose in the Hollyhock family.

20. (New) A method comprising: